GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Barcoded Defence Uniform
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists have attacked / or entered military bases and targeted military personnel while camouflaging themselves by wearing or resembling military uniforms available in the retail market;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to issue military personnel uniforms with barcodes or other RFID and identification tags to ensure that only authorized personnel have access to military bases and to ensure that the wearer is indeed a member of the defence forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) Yes, Madam. There are instances when the terrorists have been found wearing similar uniforms resembling uniforms used by Indian Army, in recent past.

(b) to (d): No, Madam. The usefulness of such uniforms is not ascertained. Further, the mechanism to ensure that only authorized personnel have access to military bases are in place.

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